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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

10 STEVEN BRAUNSTEIN, DESHON  
11 HEREFORD,

12 Plaintiff(s),

13 v.

14 STATE OF NEVADA, et al.,

15 Defendant(s).

Case No.: 2:18-cv-01767-RFB-NJK

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

16 Pending before the Court is Plaintiffs’ motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, and their  
17 proposed complaint. The Supreme Court has held that a prisoner in state custody cannot use a §  
18 1983 action to challenge “the fact or duration of his confinement,” but instead must seek federal  
19 habeas corpus relief or the appropriate state relief. *Wilkinson v. Dotson*, 544 U.S. 74, 78 (2005);  
20 *see also Nettles v. Grounds*, 830 F.3d 922, 927 (9th Cir. 2016) (reiterating that the Supreme Court  
21 has “long held that habeas is the exclusive vehicle for claims brought by state prisoners that fall  
22 within the core of habeas, and such claims may not be brought in a § 1983 action”). In *Wilkinson*,  
23 the Supreme Court held that “a state prisoner’s § 1983 action is barred (absent prior invalidation)—  
24 no matter the relief sought (damages or equitable relief), no matter the target of the prisoner’s suit  
25 (state conduct leading to conviction or internal prison proceedings)—if success in that action would  
26 necessarily demonstrate the invalidity of confinement or its duration.” *Id.* at 81-82.

27 In this case, Plaintiffs seek injunctive relief under § 1983 for alleged constitutional  
28 violations occurring in their criminal trials based on the manner in which the jurors were sworn

1 in. *See, e.g.*, Docket No. 1-1 at 3-4. Plaintiffs essentially acknowledge that they seek habeas  
2 relief, but decline to frame their claims as such given their previous unsuccessful habeas petitions.  
3 *See id.* at 11; *see also Hereford v. Neven*, Case No. 2:14-cv-01390-JAD-CWH, Docket No. 13 (D.  
4 Nev. Aug. 27, 2015) (dismissing habeas petition with prejudice); *Braunstein v. Neven*, Case No.  
5 2:15-cv-00947-RFB-NJK, Docket No. 13 (D. Nev. Feb. 5, 2016) (dismissing fourth attempted  
6 habeas petition with prejudice).

7 Accordingly, the undersigned **RECOMMENDS** that this case be **DISMISSED** and that  
8 the pending application to proceed *in forma pauperis* be **DENIED** as moot.

9 Dated: September 13, 2018

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Nancy J. Koppe  
United States Magistrate Judge

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13 **NOTICE**

14 Pursuant to Local Rule IB 3-2 any objection to this Report and Recommendation must be  
15 in writing and filed with the Clerk of the Court within (14) days after service of this Notice. The  
16 Supreme Court has held that the courts of appeal may determine that an appeal has been waived  
17 due to the failure to file objections within the specified time. *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 142  
18 (1985), *reh'g denied*, 474 U.S. 1111 (1986). The Ninth Circuit has also held that (1) failure to file  
19 objections within the specified time and (2) failure to properly address and brief the objectionable  
20 issues waives the right to appeal the District Court's order and/or appeal factual issues from the  
21 order of the District Court. *Martinez v. Ylst*, 951 F.2d 1153, 1157 (9th Cir. 1991); *Britt v. Simi*  
22 *Valley United Sch. Dist.*, 708 F.2d 452, 454 (9th Cir. 1983).